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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 8, 2005, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Discussion of Amendment begins on page 8 of this paper.

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